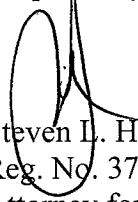


REMARKS

Claims 18, 19, 24-26, and 33-60 are pending in the application.¹ Applicants renew their request for entry of the attached amendments, which are slightly different than those submitted in the response to final Office Action mailed on December 3, 2007. The amendments are believed to dispose of rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C. §102. Moreover, no new matter nor new issues are raised by the amendments. Therefore, entry of the amendments is believed proper.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at 512-536-3184 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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¹ The examiner indicated that claim 59 and 60 had been canceled. However, non-entry of the amendment means that these claims are still pending – an amendment cannot be denied in part and entered in part.